

Bolton Nomination

Need to Reform the United Nations

- It is no secret the United Nations cannot survive as a vital force in international politics if it does not reform.
- We have had problems with peacekeepers, the oil-for-food situation. You cannot have a human rights commission on which Sudan sits, you cannot have a situation in which, but for a last minute move, Iraq almost ended up, before liberation, chairing the disarmament commission.
- Everybody knows that it's an important time for U.N. reform.

John Bolton is Committed to the Future Success of the United Nations

- John Bolton is personally committed to the future success of the United Nations and he will be a strong voice for reform at a time when the United Nations has begun to reform itself to help meet the challenging agenda before the international community.
- John Bolton will also help to build a broader base of support here in the United States for the UN and its mission. As Secretary General Annan has said, 'U.S. support for the UN is critical to the success of this institution.'

John Bolton is Right Person to Reform the United Nations

- "...because John Bolton is tough and he's a good diplomat and he's committed, he's going to help us to do precisely that."

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Supplemental Talking Points

Iraqi and Afghan People on Path to Democracy and Freedom

- With the help of the United States and coalition partners, the Iraqi and Afghan people have set their countries on the path of democracy and freedom.
- As both nations work to cement this great progress, our troops and assistance will continue to play a critical role.

Protect our Troops and Enable them to Complete Their Mission

- The majority of the request will ensure that our troops continue to get what they need to protect themselves and complete their mission.
- Supplemental also provides for the continued pursuit of al-Qaida and other terrorist elements in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Delay in Passing Supplemental Budget Negatively Impacts Army Readiness

- The bulk of the Supplemental goes to the Army.
- Army readiness and operating funds begin to run out in early May.
- Delaying the supplemental beyond early May would result in a decline of Army Unit readiness because faced with running out of money they would have to postpone training, postpone maintenance and postpone purchases of supplies.